

**SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

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WATERMAN

_____, read first time and referred to Committee on _____



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Whereas, Abandoned mine lands, mined before August 4, 1977, are a significant health and environmental hazard in southwest Indiana;

Whereas, The AML program eliminates these hazards by cleaning up problems at old mine sites including open mine shafts, orange streams, bad drinking water, and dangerous highwalls;

Whereas, The AML program has greatly benefitted Indiana by cleaning up over 800 abandoned mine sites at a cost of over \$88,000,000;

Whereas, Over 400 abandoned mine sites still exist in southwest Indiana, and the estimated cost for cleanup of these abandoned mines is still over \$50,000,000; and

Whereas, The AML program will expire June 30, 2005, unless the United States Congress acts to reauthorize the AML fund: Therefore,



*Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly
of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:*

1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly urges the United
2 States Congress to reauthorize the Abandoned Mine Land Fund.

3 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
4 transmit a copy of this Resolution to members of Indiana's
5 congressional delegation.

